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"The people of this region were sparse in number, but of strong, sober, and yet wild characteristics. The long boundary quarrel had made them predatory, and though God-fearing people, they would fight with all their religious intensity for their right in the land and the dominion of their particular province. They sus-

"At this the fat, good-humored baby, anticipating something to eat, reached out its hands. The surveyor's assistant, in a moment of mischief, put the object in the child's grasp. The child clutched it, bit at it, and swallowed it whole in an instant.

"Before the assistant surveyor could think of any other harm done than the

received and improved the new Graham clock, called the "dead escapement" or "dead-beat escapement"—(the origin of our modern word *dead-beat*, signifying a man who does not meet his engagements, whereas the original "dead-beat" was the most faithful engagement-keeper of its time. Perhaps a dead-beat, now-a-days

little doctor in the Deutsch hills, who once prescribed for the clock-mender, reported that his pulse had a metallic beat, and, looking suddenly, up, he saw where Minuit's face had been, a round clock-face looking down and ticking at him. This doctor was a worthless fellow, however, and loose of tongue. Minuit, it was ob-

" Pain and joy, not swiftly but softly, filled Minuit : pain, because he had loved this girl and wished never to have her know it, but would keep it an unbreathed, a holy mystery ; and joy, like any lover's recognizing himself in the dear heart he had never impo-
 " Next day the good ship, *Chirland*,

cheerful conception of the infinite. The country round was generally settled by a religious people, and the many meeting-houses of the different sects had his equal confidence and sympathy. Pursuing his craft with unwearied diligence, and delighting his homestead with his violin as of old, a more pensive and wistful expres-

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